

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
a movable first image bearing member on which a
toner image is formed; and
5 a movable second image bearing member which is
brought into contact with said first image bearing
member and to which the toner image on said first
image bearing member is transferred,
wherein a dot-shaped dot image formed of a toner
10 different from the toner image is formable on said
first image bearing member, and
wherein a distance between dot centers of the
dot images is equal to or smaller than a width of a
contact part between said first image bearing member
15 and said second image bearing member in a moving
direction of said first image bearing member.
2. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the distance between the dot centers
20 of said dot images is steadily equal to or smaller
than the width of said contact part between said
first image bearing member and said second image
bearing member in the moving direction of said first
image bearing member throughout said dot images.
- 25 3. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein in the moving direction of said

first image bearing member, a leading end of said dot
image is on a downstream side of a leading end of
said toner image and a trailing end of the dot image
is on an upstream side of a trailing end of said
5 toner image.

4. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the dot image is formed of an yellow
toner.
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5. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the toner image is formed
corresponding to each color of a plurality of colors
and the dot image is formed while being superposed on
15 a first toner image formed on said first image
bearing member.

6. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the dot image has a pattern
20 indicating information of the image forming apparatus.

7. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 6, wherein the dot image comprises a dispersed
dot image independently of said pattern.
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8. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said first image bearing member and

said second image bearing member differ in a moving speed at the contact part.

9. An image forming apparatus according to
5 claim 1, wherein said first image bearing member comprises a photosensitive member and said second image bearing member comprises an intermediate transferring body.

10 10. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a transferring member forming a nip with said first image bearing member through said second image bearing member, the width of said contact part between said first image bearing
15 member and said second image bearing member corresponding to a width of the nip part.